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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WASHINGTON VISIT OF EC COMMISSION
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, KLAUS MEYER,
MAY 15-16

REF: BILLO-SHERRY TELECON, MARCH 9

1. DURING A MARCH 21 CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, KLAUS MEYER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, DG-VIII (DEVELOPMENT), EC COMMISSION, REVIEWED HIS PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 15-16. MEYER WILL BE IN US IN HIS CAPACITY AS EC DELEGATE TO MAY MEETING OF UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT, AID/WASHINGTON AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICIALS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. WHILE USEC HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO HELP ARRANGE A DETAILED SCHEDULE (THIS WILL ULTIMATELY BE HANDLED BY EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON), MEYER ASKED MISSION TO INFORM STATE AND USAID OF HIS PROPOSED PLANS. SINCE MEYER IS UNCLASSIFIED

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EC COMMISSION DG-VIII OFFICIAL WITH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND OTHER LOME CONVENTION ACTIVITIES, AND IN ADDITION IS COMMISSION OFFICIAL PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, MISSION BELIEVES MEYER VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL IN FURTHERING ON-GOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN EC AND CONCERNED WASHINGTON

AGENCIES IN THESE FIELDS.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER MEYER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME APPOINTMENTS WITH SEVERAL OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE IS ALREADY ACQUAINTED (THROUGH RECENT CONTACTS IN BRUSSELS), INCLUDING:

-- AID/AA/PPC, ALEX SHAKOW AND AID/AA/AFR, GOLER BUTCHER AND STAFF (TO REVIEW BROAD AID POLICY QUESTIONS, REINFORCE US-EC COORDINATION EFFORTS, AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL MULTI-DONOR FINANCING IN AFRICA).

-- STATE/NEA/RA, STEPHEN PALMER (TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS AND REVIEW STATUS OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE).

-- STATE/HA, DEPUTY ASS'T. SECRETARY SCHNEIDER (TO FOLLOW-UP ON US TEAM'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS ON HUMAN RIGHTS).

-- STATE/EB, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HORMATS (TO REVIEW NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND OUTCOME OF MAY SESSION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE).

3. IN ADDITION, MEYER SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN:

(A) AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POLITICAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND/OR ASSOCIATES, AND (B) TALKS WITH WILLIAM DOZIER AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF CARIBBEAN TASK FORCE TO REVIEW STATUS OF RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ON THE HILL, THE NAMES OF
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SENATORS BIDEN AND CLARK HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO MEYER BY EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON AS POTENTIALLY USEFUL CONTACTS, IF A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED.

4. MISSION AGREED TO TRANSMIT FOREGOING REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING WHETHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, BE AVAILABLE TO SEE MEYER WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON MAY 15-16.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. MORRIS

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